

# GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET

## CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### SEPTEMBER 2003 AGENDA

Item No. W-5

<b>TITLE:</b> Request by <b>Auburn Union School District</b> for a renewal waiver of <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 37202, equity length of time requirement to allow a full day kindergarten program at <b>Rock Creek School and Alta Vista School</b> .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>INFORMATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONSENT</b>
<b>CDSIS:</b> 11-7-2003	

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval of this waiver, and as long as the conditions of the waiver do not change, EC Section 33051 (c) will apply.

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#### Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The State Board of Education has approved similar waivers in the past.

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#### Summary of Key Issue(s):

The **Auburn Union School District** is requesting a waiver of EC Section 37202, the equity length of time requirement, in order to continue a full-day kindergarten program at two of their four elementary schools, **Rock Creek and Alta Vista Schools**.

As part of the condition of the renewal request, the district has provided an evaluation of the program as it was implemented during the 2002-2003 school year. Their evaluation looked at four critical areas: kindergarten retention reduction, comparison of "at-risk" kindergarten students at the beginning of the school year and at the end of the school year, kindergarten readiness to read, and ability to provide more time for the needs of English learners. The district received many positive reactions in the form of letters and testimonials from parents and teachers regarding the extended day program. Their evaluation also included comparison data of the students in the extended day program to previous years, all of which resulted in positive gains for the kindergarteners in the current program at these two schools. Overall, the results have been extremely convincing that the program is working to improve teaching and learning at these two schools. Attached are the summaries of their evaluation of the full-day kindergarten program.

Therefore, the department recommends approval of this waiver, and that as long as the conditions of the waiver do not change, EC Section 33051(c) will apply.

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Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: April 11 and July 3, 2003

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

☐ Neutral

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: Leslye Vodden, Lynn Beckler, Kelly Bennett  
(AUTA Pres.)

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

☒ posting in a newspaper ☒ posting at each school ☐ other (specify)

Public hearing held on: July 16, 2003

Local board approval date: July 16, 2003

Advisory committee(s) consulted: Rock Creek; and Alta Vista

Objections raised (choose one): ☒ None ☐ Objections are attached on  
separate sheet

Date consulted: May 8, 2003 and May 16, 2003 respectively

Effective dates of request: 08/21/03 – 08/20/05

**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):**

No impact.

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**Background Information:**

Waiver request forms and supporting documents are attached to this summary.